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General List of BUSH ROSES

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SUNBURST. H. T. Handsome apricot-yellow blooms with orange center. Buds are unusually long and pointed and borne singly on long stems. The open blooms are only fairly double but are beautifully formed. **75c.**

SUPERBA. Poly. Glowing, dark red flowers of small size borne in large, compact clusters. A very profuse bloomer. The best dark red baby rose. **65c.**

TALISMAN. H. T. (Montgomery Co., 1929.) This vividly colored rose has attracted more attention than any other recent introduction. The coloring is most unusual, being a combination of gold, apricot, pink and carmine in mingled splashes, streaks and blends. It has fragrance equal to Mme. Butterfly and Ophelia. For greatest satisfaction the flowers should be cut in the tight-bud stage. Talisman has proved most satisfactory as an outdoor rose. **$1.00.**

THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA. H. T. Intense vermilion on inside and old gold on reverse of petals, which spring from a deep orange base. Its moderate height and free-flowering habit make it an exceptionally good bedding rose. **$1.00.**

ULRICH BRUNNER. H. P. Geranium-red changing to carmine; large, fairly full, cup-shaped and sweetly scented. Growth vigorous and hardy. Exceptionally good as a hedge rose. **65c.**

VESUVIUS. H. T. Shapely buds opening to dark red single blooms with showy yellow stamens; exquisitely fragrant.

PATH IN THE ROSE GARDEN OF MRS. FREMONT OLDER, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA

A very vigorous grower and blooms much more profusely than other single roses. **75c.**

VILLE DE PARIS. H. T. (Pernet-Ducher, 1926.) A tall-growing rose producing fairly double blooms of unfading sun-yellow. Buds are well formed with long, strong stems. Foliage glossy and attractive. **75c.**

WHITE MAMAN COCHET. T. A very beautiful rose that is often seen in old gardens. Buds are extra long and perfectly formed. Outer petals are heavily stained with dark rose shading through light pink to lemon-white at center. **75c.**

WILHELM KORDES. H. T. The long-pointed buds of this brilliant variety are of oriental red and gold. The fully double, high-centered blooms are of rich golden-salmon tinged with copper when fully open. **$1.00.**

WILLOWMERE. H. T. Coral-red buds opening to large, full blooms of shrimp-pink with yellow shadings. Slightly darker than Los Angeles, which it somewhat resembles. **65c.**

IN THE ROSE GARDEN OF MRS. C. C. DERBY, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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STANDARD ROSE

STANDARD ROSES

COMMONLY known as Tree Roses, Standards are top-budded on vigorous stock. We use IXL stock exclusively for standards, as our experience has proved that this stock grows standard roses with smoother, straighter stems and better branched heads than any other stock. We exercise great care in growing our Tree Roses. Each plant is carefully staked and three strong buds are placed in each stem 36 to 40 inches from the ground in order to secure a uniform symmetrical head. Standard Roses add materially to the beauty of the garden, particularly where formal effects are desired, as in large estates and Memorial Parks.

Proper pruning is essential. Shorten in the head and thin out the plant, causing it to become symmetrical, and it will respond with a surprising wealth of bloom. The first two seasons, wrap the stem with paper or burlap to prevent sunburn, and cut away all suckers appearing below the crown.

The following varieties can be supplied in 40-inch Standards at **$3.00** each; in lots of five or more, **$2.50** each.

We do not pay shipping charges on Standard Roses, as they cannot be sent by parcel post. For detailed descriptions of varieties, see Bush Roses on pages 7 to 13.

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Chas. P. Kilham
Cuba
Dainty Bess
Dame Edith Helen
Duchess of Athol
E. G. Hill
Etoile de Hollande
Feu Joseph Looymans
George Dickson
Golden Emblem
Hadley
Hoosier Beauty
Isobel
Joanna Hill
Lady Hillingdon
Lady Margaret Stewart
Lord Charlemont
Los Angeles
Mme. Butterfly
Mme. Edouard Herriot
Mrs. Henry Bowles
Padre
President Herbert Hoover
Rev. F. Page-Roberts
Shot Silk
Talisman
Vesuvius

AN INVITATION . . . Many of our customers have found that the best way to choose roses is to make the selection from roses actually in bloom. During the months of July, August and September our rose fields at Niles are a mass of gorgeous color. It is our sincere hope that you will be able to visit us during this period. Roses selected during the summer can be supplied in containers, or as bare root stock for early winter delivery.

ROSES SURROUND THE SWIMMING POOL IN THE ROMAN GARDEN OF MRS. FREMONT OLDER

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Announcing

TULIP HYACINTH DAFFODIL AND IRIS BULBS

Here for the first time we present a new phase of our nursery activities. Listed in the pages immediately following is a thoroughly representative collection of bulbs, brought together with great care. Selections have been made from the finest qualities available both here and abroad. Varieties have been chosen with particular regard for Pacific Coast conditions.

It has been well said that no other class of flowering plants has grown so rapidly as bulbs in popular favor during recent years. The reason? Simply that no other plants yield so much beauty for so little expense and labor.

Our friends will find a great urge to the more general use of bulbs in these five characteristics:

—Certainty of success
—Quickness of results
—Length of the blooming season
—Economy of cost and effort
—Spectacular color possibilities

The stock now made available is dependable and represents to our best knowledge and belief the highest quality bulbs obtainable. Only those varieties were selected which meet the severe standards of the leading Dutch and English experts.

All bulbs are guaranteed to be "true to name" and entirely free from diseases and pests. We commend them to you knowing that in your garden our flowers will stand out for their excellent substance, authentic form and large size.

TULIPS

Success in tulip growing in California is dependent on three factors: time of planting, depth of planting, and quality of the bulbs planted.

From October to December is the best time for planting tulips, although planting may be done up to the early part of January. If planting is done late in the winter, it is best to plant where the tulips will receive partial shade, as too much sun may cause the late-planted tulips to open too soon, which will result in short-stemmed flowers of inferior size.

Plant tulip bulbs 6 inches deep in sandy soil and 5 inches deep in heavy soil; that is, the top of the bulbs should be covered with that depth of soil. Place a handful of sand under each bulb and water thoroughly after planting. Tulips do best when the soil is cool and moist. Do not mix any fresh manure or chemical fertilizer in the soil where it will come in contact with the bulbs. If the soil is of poor quality, dig in some well-rotted cow manure several weeks in advance of planting.

The quality of the flowers your tulips produce will depend more on the size and vigor of the bulbs you plant than on any other one thing. When you consider the time and labor that you put into growing your tulips, it is wisest to plant only the best grade of bulbs.

For mass plantings, tulips may be planted as close as 4 inches apart, though 6 inches is better. Groups of five or more of a variety will be found more effective than an indiscriminate mixture. Where space does not permit planting in masses, small groups planted in the perennial or shrubbery border will very effectively add color to the garden. Beautiful color effects may be worked out by planting forget-me-nots, violas, nemesias, Virginia stocks or similar bedding plants among the tulips.

The long-stemmed, single tulips which succeed best in California are divided into three classes: Darwins, Breeders, and Cottage or May Flowering. As all of these bloom at approximately the same time in California, they may be planted together to obtain desirable color combinations. Practically all of the clear yellows and most of the white and light pinks are found in the Cottage Tulips. Darwins produce the best clear reds and also the larger part of the lavender, mauve and rose shades as well as some of the best clear pinks. Among the Breeders are found the rich shades of bronze, violet and mahogany-reds, usually with copper or gold tints. Some of the largest and tallest varieties are found in the Breeder class.

Our list of tulips has been selected to give as wide a range of color as possible. Only sturdy, easily grown varieties are included. Most of them are well known, but we have also included a few of the most recent introductions which have proved to be superior to the older sorts.

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HARDY LILIES

In recent years lilies of many varieties have been planted in western gardens and it has been proved that most sorts will grow beautifully if a reasonable amount of care is given to their location in the garden. As most varieties bloom in midsummer, they add interest to the garden at a time when fresh color is badly needed.

Many varieties thrive in partial shade and some like full sun, but all varieties must have good drainage. Heavy soils should be lightened with decayed leaf mold, peat or sand. Well-rotted manure is also good for lilies. Because of their height lilies should be protected from strong winds and an ideal location for most varieties is in the open spaces of a shrubbery border. Varieties that like full sun thrive best with a growth of shallow-rooting annuals at their base.

AURATUM. (Golden Banded Lily.) Flowers ivory, studded with brownish-yellow spots and with a broad, golden band from base to tip of each petal. Blooms are very large, graceful and fragrant. Plant 8 to 10 inches deep in full sun but surrounded with low-growing plants; height 3 to 4 feet. *Each* **25c; 10** *for* **$2.25.**

CANDIDUM. (Madonna Lily.) The best known and loveliest of white lilies. The large spikes of glistening white flowers are very fragrant. A beautiful color effect may be had by planting this lily with Delphinium Belladonna. Plant about 4 inches deep in a sunny situation. Will tolerate some lime in the soil; height 3 feet. *Each* **35c; 10** *for* **$3.00.**

HENRYI. (Yellow Speciosum.) Apricot-yellow blooms, spotted with brown. Very hardy and most easily grown. As it reaches a height of 4 to 6 feet, it should be staked when planted. Plant 10 to 12 inches deep in semi-shade. *Each* **75c; 10** *for* **$6.50.**

PARDALINUM. (California Leopard Lily.) This variety is often miscalled "Tiger Lily" but is distinct from the true Tiger Lily, which is a native of Japan. Flowers are brilliant orange marked with brown spots surrounded by yellow circles. Petals recurve very sharply. From 3 to 20 blooms may be borne on one stem. This variety increases rapidly under favorable conditions. Plant in full sun in cool climates but give partial shade in hot sections. Set bulbs only 3 to 4 inches below the surface. Height is 3 to 4 feet. *Each* **35c; 10** *for* **$3.25.**

REGALE. (Regal Lily.) Large trumpet-shaped blooms, white on the inside with golden throats while the outside is flushed or penciled with rose. Stems are 3 to 5 feet high, stiff and wiry. From 3 to 20 blooms may be produced on one stalk. Can be planted in full sun. Set bulbs 8 to 10 inches deep. *Each* **40c; 10** *for* **$3.50.**

SPECIOSUM RUBRUM. (Lance-Leaf Lily.) White, shaded and spotted with rose and red. Many flowers are borne in a cluster on stems 3 to 4 feet high. A very showy variety. Plant in semi-shade except in cool climates. Set bulbs 8 to 10 inches deep. *Each* **50c; 10** *for* **$4.50.**

TIGRINUM. (Tiger Lily.) Rosy-orange blooms with purple spots. The 3- to 4-foot stems are slightly hairy. An excellent variety for bordering slightly shaded walks. Plant 8 to 12 inches deep. *Each* **25c; 10** *for* **$2.25.**

UMBELLATUM. (Elegans atrosanguineum.) Flowers in upright umbels on 2-foot stalks. Color is blood-red with black spots; very brilliant and one of the earliest varieties to bloom. Does best in a sunny border. Plant about 6 inches deep. *Each* **35c; 10** *for* **$3.00.**

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IRIS

BEARDED IRIS. This class of Iris contains so many hybrids that it is no longer correct to call them "German Iris." They are the best known of the Iris family and will thrive in any type of soil if given full sunshine and good drainage. They may be planted from June to January in California. In planting set the rhizomes just deep enough to be barely covered when the soil is well-firmed down. Do not water too freely, as this may cause root rot. Break up large clumps or replant every three to five years.

In Iris descriptions the three upright petals are the standards, the three alternate, drooping petals are the falls.

ASIA. Standards silvery lavender, falls pale reddish purple; unusually large. *Each* **75c.**

CHARON. A very early Regelio-Cyclus hybrid; flowers mahogany-brown with bronze effect, brownish-black blotch on falls. A very striking flower. Withhold water after July 1st. *Each* **$1.25.**

CRUSADER. Large, clear blue-violet flowers; early and tall-growing. *Each* **25c.**

DR. BERNICE. Standards fawn-yellow, falls velvety burnt-lake, beard orange. *Each* **25c.**

HER MAJESTY. Rose-pink color effect, falls darker; conspicuous orange beard. *Each* **25c.**

HOOGIANA. (Regelia.) Uniform pale blue of perfect form. Withhold water after July 1st. *Each* **60c.**

IB-PALL. A beautiful variety of rounded form; violet-red flowers heavily veined. *Each* **75c.**

IRENE. This Regelio-Cyclus hybrid requires drying out after July 1st. Standards are pale lavender with brownish-lavender veins, falls silvery white with chocolate veining. The most easily grown hybrid of this class. *Each* **60c.**

ISOLINE. Standards silvery lilac, falls purplish rose; very stately. *Each* **25c.**

JACQUESIANA. Standards coppery crimson, falls rich maroon. *Each* **35c.**

KASHMIR WHITE. A tall, pure white of firm texture; good in warm climates. *Each* **35c.**

KOROLKOWI CONCOLOR. (Regelia.) Of very elongated, symmetrical form; color is soft lilac-purple with deep veining of blackish maroon throughout. Withhold water after July 1st. *Each* **75c.**

LADY FOSTER. A very fine lavender-blue; unusually large, fragrant flowers. *Each* **25c.**

LADY LOU. A tall, extremely early lavender flower; fragrant. *Each* **35c.**

LENT A. WILLIAMSON. Standards lavender-violet, falls velvety royal purple. *Each* **25c.**

LORD OF JUNE. Standards pale lavender, falls rich violet. *Each* **50c.**

MADAME CHOBAUT. Standards yellow, veined reddish purple, falls buff with purple veining. *Each* **30c.**

MADAME DURRAND. Buff, flushed with lilac and amber. Unusually tall variety. *Each* **$1.50.**

MARIAN MOHR. A pale glistening lavender; unusually beautiful. *Each* **50c.**

MONSIGNOR. Standards pale violet, falls velvety raisin-purple; vigorous grower. *Each* **20c.**

OPERA. Standards violet-rose, falls velvety violet-purple; very early. *Each* **35c.**

PROSPER LAUGIER. Standards light bronze, falls velvety crimson. *Each* **25c.**

SAN GABRIEL. Large, pinkish-lavender blooms borne on long stems and flowering over an unusually long period. *Each* **$1.00.**

SHERWIN WRIGHT. A splendid golden yellow; vigorous but of medium height. *Each* **35c.**

SOUVENIR DE MME. GAUDICHAU. The largest and darkest of the dark-purple Irises. Falls are velvety blackish purple; early, fragrant, vigorous. *Each* **40c.**

DUTCH IRIS. These very distinctive Irises are far superior to the Spanish Iris, being larger, earlier and more graceful. They are easy to grow and are quite hardy anywhere on the Pacific Coast. Plant the bulbs 4 to 6 inches apart and set the tops 2 to 3 inches below the surface of the soil. Plant from September to November.

A. BLOEMAARD. Standards dark purplish blue, falls lighter blue, very large flower, early; height 20 inches. **10** *for* **90c; 100** *for* **$7.50.**

ADRIAN BACKER. (Lilac Queen.) Of a uniform purple-lilac, petals of good substance; height 20 inches. **10** *for* **90c; 100** *for* **$7.50.**

GOLDEN BRONZE. A new and rare variety. Standards dark violet, edged bronze; falls attractive golden bronze, very beautiful; height 22 inches. *Each* **50c; 10** *for* **$4.75; 100** *for* **$45.00.**

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